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The following extract from the Illustrated London News, not only gives some idea of the financial resources and condition of the great monopoly, but the portion respecting the coal mines shows that at least one item in the much talked-of debt, is not wholly mythical.

The capital employed by the company is £1,265,068 and consists of stock standing in the names of the proprietors, £500,000; valuation of the company's lands and buildings, exclusive of Vancouver's Island and Oregon, £318,884. Amount expended up to September 16, 1856, in sending miners and labourers to Vancouver's Island, in the coal mines, and other objects of colonisation, exclusive of the trading establishments of the company, and which amount will be re-payable by the Government if possession of the island is resumed, £81,071. Amount invested in Fort Victoria and other establishments and posts on Vancouver's Island—this amount is not exactly ascertained—estimated at £75,000. Amount paid to the Earl of Selkirk for the Red River Settlement, £85,111. Property and investments in the territory of Oregon, ceded to the United States by the treaty of 1846, and which are secured to the company as possessory rights under the treaty, 1,000,000 dollars, £200,000. The distribution of profits to the shareholders for the years 1847 to 1856, both inclusive, have been—1847, 10 per cent dividend; 1848, 10 per cent; 1849, 10 per cent; 1850, 20 per cent, of which 10 per cent was added to stock; 1851, 10 per cent; 1852, 15 per cent, of which 5 per cent was added to stock; 1853, £18, 4s 6d per cent, of which £8 4s 6d was added to stock; 1854, 10 per cent; 1855, 10 per cent; and 1856, 10 per cent. The price of stock, ex dividend was—July 1847, £200; 1848, £200; 1849, £200; 1850, £210; 1851, £210; 1852, £215; 1853, £225; 1854, £210; 1855, £207; 1856, £200. Out of the 268 proprietors, in July, 1855, 196 purchased their stock at from 220 to 240 per cent.

COFFEE.—The London Lancet says that the English people generally are entirely at fault in their treatment of the coffee-berry. Thus, the raw berry is sent by the grocer to the roaster; from him it is returned to the grocer; after being kept for some time, often for a considerable period, it is sold, either whole or ground, to the public; by the consumer, again, it is kept, often enclosed in paper only, for a further time so that weeks frequently elapse after the roasting of the berry, before it comes to be made into coffee, during which it loses the greater part of its fragrance. This course of proceeding the Lancet regards as opposed to the plainest reason; it is also entirely at variance with the practice pursued on the Continent, where consumption of coffee is so great as to supersede, to a considerable extent, the use of tea. There, usually, the coffee-berry is roasted, ground, and infused the same day, the beverage retaining all the aromatic and other properties of the berry in a high degree.

THE LARGEST GATE IN THE WORLD.—A monster gate for the Sault Ste. Marie canal is nearly completed at Newport, thirty-five miles above Detroit. It is 82 feet wide (that being the width of the canal,) 21 1/2 feet deep, and 32 inches thick. The timber used for its construction, cut into inch boards, would measure about 120,000 feet. It is believed to be the largest gate in the world. If there is any doubt on this point, its weight, from the immense quantity of iron attached to it, will throw all competitors in the shade, there being about forty tons of iron used in building it. It will be finished soon, when it will be taken to pieces and sent forth to its destination.

Position of Affairs in Sonora.

We have received, says the Arizonian, through a reliable correspondent, the following late intelligence of the position of affairs in the State of Sonora:

Gov. Pesqueira is in receipt of dispatches from the Juarez Government, directing him to revoke at once his order expelling Capt. C. P. Stone and party from the State of Sonora. He is ordered to notify the officer in command of the Commission, of his revocation of the order of expulsion, and to extend to them an invitation to return and re-enter upon the duties of the Survey. He is further directed to use all power and diligence to protect them from insult or injury; and to see that they are permitted to proceed quietly in the performance of their duties.

It is to be hoped that this will be an end of this vexed question, and it will be so, unless Gov. Pesqueira is determined to disobey the orders he has received. We fear, however, such is his intention; for we learn that troops are being enlisted in Magdalena for the purpose, as is alleged, of "resisting a foreign invasion." This movement undoubtedly refers to the enforcement of his order, or it may be intended for the expected arrival of the Gandaristas. From facts before us, however, we infer the former; and thus, it would appear, the settlement of these difficulties is as far distant as ever.

SCHAMYL'S LIFE IN ST. PETERSBURG.—A St. Petersburg letter gives the following further particulars respecting Schamyl's stay in the Russian capital:

On the day of his arrival a compact crowd had collected round the entrance of the hotel where he lodged, and all the points where it was expected he would pass in going to visit the chief authorities. He appeared quite at ease—in no way disconcerted. His manner appeared noble and dignified. He has an intelligent look, and the general expression of his countenance announces energy and the habit of command. His figure is tall and upright, notwithstanding his advanced age. The next day Schamyl and his son had the honor of being presented to the Empress and the hereditary Grand Duke at Trakoeselo. The presentation lasted only a few minutes. It is said that he was greatly affected, and looked pale. Schamyl went afterwards to see the museums of natural history, and of the Academy of Sciences. In the evening he was at the Italian opera, in the box of Prince Anatole Baryatinski, brother to the commander-in-chief of the army of the Caucasus. Mme. Chardon Demeure sang the part of Amira in "Sonnambula." The scene where she comes down the ladder from the mill produced a great effect on the Kazi Mahomet, the Imam's son. Schamyl is enchanted with all he sees in Russia. "Had I known your country sooner," said he, "had I seen all I now see, I should have made my submission long since." Will said, certainly, but perhaps the avowal may not be altogether sincere. The Imam is evidently a clever man. His answers betoken considerable *apropos*. When asked what had most pleased him in Russia, Schamyl replied, "The kind reception of the Emperor."

THE EDIBLE BIRD'S NESTS.—The bird's nests which are esteemed so great a luxury in China have become an article of consumption in Paris. Although by far the greater portion of what is consumed under that name is nothing more than fish-glue, still the genuine nests can be purchased at about \$70 per hundred weight in its crude state. The chemist, M. Payen, received some years ago samples of an East Indian plant known under the name of China moss. He recognized it as one of the alga of Java, the gelidium corneum. On submitting it to the chemical analysis, he obtained clear gelatine, far preferable to that obtained from fish. Comparing it with the Chinese bird's-nests, he found that the swallows which make these nests most, makes use of this alga, working over its gelatinous matter as our swallows do in plastering up their nests. This solves a problem of long standing among naturalists, whether the edible bird's-nests are of animal or vegetable origin; they are of both. The bird's-nest-gelatine can now be made direct from the alga at a greatly reduced cost. It is suggested also that this gelatine may enter into the composition of India ink, now only known to the Chinese.—N. Y. Tribune.

THE GUEST OF THE NATION.—We take the following from the Spectator, a leading English newspaper:

The Americans have never been considered a "near" people; but, perhaps, with all his knowledge of the country, Mr. Cobden scarcely anticipated one attention which was paid to him. When he went to travel by rail he was asked his name, and told his passage was free; and when he was leaving the hotel, he was told that there was "nothing to pay." He thus became literally the guest of the Republic; and why? For the simple reason, that he has endeavored, more than most men—without truckling to prejudices or pampering special prejudices—to clear away misconceptions between England and America, to make the two branches of the one family better known to each other.

Royal Engineers Meteorological Observatory.

New Westminster, December, 1859.

The highest reading of barometer corrected for Temperature was 30.587 inches, on the 4th.
The lowest was 29.320 inches, on the 24th.
Mean height, 30.127 inches.
The eastern of the barometer is about 54.38 feet above the level of the sea.

Minimum Temperature on the grass zero on the 10th.

Maximum Temperature of air in shade, 4° 18', on the 10th.

Minimum do., 2° 0', below zero, on the 4th.

Mean do., 28° 7'.

The greatest amount of humidity was 1,000, on the 14th.

The lowest was .649 on the 5th.

Mean do. .908.

There were 12 days on which rain fell: the total measured 4.745 inches; the rain fell on 6 days when the wind blew from the west. On 3 days when it was calm, 2 when N. W. and 1 when N.

The quantity of ozone varied from 0 to 8.

The wind blew from the south 2 days, S. E. 1, E. 3, N. E. 1, N. W. 3, and from the W. 9 days; the remainder of the month was calm.

A considerable amount of ice floated on the Fraser for 8 days during the month.

There were 15 foggy days during the month.

NICKNAMED.—No man's name can escape from being turned into ridicule by adding to it a droll prefix. Lyon, whom I knew at college, a great coxcomb, to his serious distress, was everywhere greeted as "Dandy Lyon." No man was ever more annoyed than he was by this ridiculous joke, and great was his relief when he inherited an estate with the privilege of assuming the name of "Winder." Had he laid aside his absurd style of dress, it is possible he might thus have escaped the ridicule to which he had exposed himself; but his relentless companions merely altered his nickname, and he was ever afterwards known as "Beau Winder."

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN LIGHTS.—It will be recollected that some magnificent displays of the *aurora borealis* or northern lights, occurred in California about the end of August and beginning of September last. Similar phenomena occurred on the same dates over all North America. About the same time, a corresponding meteoric exhibition was witnessed in the southern hemisphere. We learn that on the evening of the 29th of August last, at Sydney, N. S. W., a magnificent *australis*, or southern lights, was visible, when the southern portion of the heavens was of a splendid crimson.—The telegraph wires were affected by the phenomena.

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30 kegs peaches;

20 cases sage;

22 bbls currants;

13 bbls hams;

16 cases mince meats;

40 cases peppercorns;

10 cases mutton;

TO ARRIVE—PER LEONESA:

15 boxes candles;

20 cases lobsters;

16 kegs prunes;

10 bbls hams;

20 chests tea, No 1.

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Election Injustice.

We alluded briefly in our last to the political legerdemain practised in connection with the Salt-Spring Island and Chemainos pretended election, and published the protest of a number of the Islanders against the whole affair. In our present issue will be found a lively sketch of what has transpired, from the pen of Mr. Copland. This case is so strongly marked by oppressive injustice, that it demands not merely the reprobation of the press, but immediate reparation on the part of the government, —or failing that, an outbreak of righteous indignation from the people.

Let us briefly review the facts as they stand before the public, fully attested. At the outset, no pains were taken properly to notify the parties interested as to the registration of voters. The Sheriff's notice that the list of voters would close at Victoria on the 23d of November, was posted on the 20th, thus leaving only three days for preparing to embark, making the voyage and securing registration. Here was palpable illegality and gross injustice to begin with. But thus far official sluggishness and carelessness alone appear. Mr. Copland was the only candidate talked of. It was supposed that he would support the government. Mr. Cary for some reason or other made sure of his friendship, and so it did not matter much whether he was elected by few or many votes. But no sooner was the discovery made that the government had reckoned without their host, and that Mr. Copland was a staunch reformer, than an official caucus was mustered to devise ways and means to defeat him. The sin of signing Mr. DeCosmos' requisition must be condignly punished by the exclusion of the transgressor from the House.

How was this to be done? Nothing easier. The Sheriff could clandestinely re-open the list of voters, and such parties as on sounding them were found ready to support any government nominee that might be available, could be added to the roll. This was accordingly done. New voters were enrolled a month after the legal time had expired. It leaked out that this trick was being played. Mr. Copland secured undeniable proof of it, by registering his own name, precisely as evidence against an unlicensed saloon-keeper is obtained, by actually buying glass of liquor at his bar.

Now, if the list of voters had been re-opened by proclamation, and opportunity thus given to all interested to register, no wrong would have been inflicted. Rather, the only possible atonement would have been made for the prior wrong. As it is, a second and grosser wrong was added to the first.

When the writ of election was issued, the utmost pains were taken to keep the matter secret. It was despatched privately, and in such haste that a boatman was urged to depart with the messenger without waiting for wind or tide. Though some of the electors and both the candidates lived in Victoria, no publicity was given here to the appointed day. It was next to impossible to find out anything about the matter. Just this was ascertained, that the writ had been sent up. Mr. Copland could only be sure of getting there in time by leaving as soon as it was definitely known that the writ-bearer had departed. He was thus compelled to be absent from his business twice the length of time really necessary.

The notice of election was posted in an unobtrusive place on the Island, the settlers meantime quietly pursuing their work, unconscious of any plot against their rights. The returning officer met his fellow-Islanders, but took care to say nothing about the election, except to a few whom he expected to prevail on to vote for the Government nominee. Only three days notice was given, though the law requires at least six. To crown all, Mr. Attorney-General Cary was constituted a committee of one to secure the election of the Government man. In that capacity, he astonished the Islanders by his unexpected presence, and provoked them beyond measure by his meddlesome conduct. Yet even he was compelled to own, betraying his vexation with an oath while he did it, that the whole thing was a mass of illegalities and irregularities.

Such are the facts. Now, do the Government suppose a series of outrages like this will be meekly put up with, and an affair so gross let pass unrebuked and unresisted? If so, we can tell them they mistake the spirit of the people with whom they have to deal.

Manifestly the only righteous course, is

at once to declare the election null and void,—re-open the list of voters in the most public and impartial manner,—issue a new writ, and then if the Government candidate is really elected, the defeated even will exclaim "all right!" If this be not done, recourse must be had, without delay, to an indignation meeting of the citizens of Victoria and the colonists generally. Should justice be refused by those who exercise a little brief authority here, it will assuredly be obtained on an appeal to the Home Government.

In conclusion, we must say Mr. Attorney General Cary figures to no advantage in this affair. With the official burden of two colonies on his shoulders, he might employ himself better than in making election voyages. Last week he was at Salt Spring Island,—this week, we understand he is to be at Nanaimo,—Court must adjourn in his absence, and the business of the country be impeded to enable him to do election work for the government. If he is not careful, he will wake up some morning and find himself minus his official title. He is not paid the £400 sterling a year he affects to despise so heartily, for meddling in elections. Having betaken himself needlessly to the scene of action, it would have much better become the law officer of the Crown to have insisted on putting the illegalities right, than to have tried to persuade the electors to accept a representative, of whom it is perfect burlesque to say that he is "duly returned."

HARRISON RIVER.—The Government of British Columbia calls for tenders before the 1st of February, for the construction of a brushdam on the eastern side of the channel, 350 yards in length; breadth at base, 18 feet; top 10 feet, and height 9 or 10 feet. The cost not to exceed \$30,000, which it is proposed to pay in tolls on steamers using the channel. Neither the highest, lowest, nor any tender will the Government be bound to accept. The presumption is that the call is a mere matter of form; and that the parties to whom the job is to be given are already decided on. The British Columbia Steam Navigation Company are presumed to be the fortunate parties. To render their proposition more certain of acceptance, they offer to carry freight to Port Douglas from Victoria, at \$25 per ton; but will have in their own hands the right to charge toll on other steamers. This virtually amounts to a monopoly as regards smaller steamboats. Take the new steamer Henrietta, Captain Moore, for instance. She was constructed expressly to ply on Harrison at the lowest water; and her proprietor is prepared to deliver freight there at less than \$25 per ton. Now if toll must be paid before she can pass, it will appear very like hardship. Besides several other parties have either commenced, or are preparing to build similar boats to the Henrietta. The shape then that this river improvement scheme assumes at present is; that the steamers now on Fraser draw too much water to ply at certain seasons; and rather than build smaller boats \$30,000 expense must be created. Had the steamboat companies smaller boats, we are gravely assured, that dams of another character would be common, if deepening the river were mentioned. If improvements on Harrison, or anywhere else, are absolutely necessary, by all means make them, and the sooner the better. But great care should be taken by British Columbians to see that improvements are not the modest garb that an incipient steam monopoly assumes to disguise its operations.

OPENING SERVICES.—The new Congregational Church, Fort street, was opened for Divine service, last Sunday, the 15th inst., where suitable sermons were preached morning and evening, by the Rev. Matthew Macfie, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Evans, Superintendent of the Colonial Wesleyan Missions. Large and respectable congregations were present at each service. In addition to the ordinary hymn music, anthems were sung in admirable taste, by the choir, with the accompaniment of the melodion, on which Mr. Bailey, Jr., performed with superior ability. The church and lot is said to be worth \$2,700. The structure is 30 by 60 feet, with a vestry attached, 10 by 12 feet. The pulpit is decorated with Gothic tracery, and the pews are made to accommodate above 200 persons. There is an elegant porch in front, approached by a flight of steps at some distance from the sidewalk. The front is lighted by two Gothic windows, and the sides by eight. Neat palisades inclose the premises before and behind. It is only intended that this edifice should be temporary, and give place, when the Colony makes further advances, to one of a larger and more substantial character.

SOOKE AND NANAIMO.—When the elections will take place in these districts no one outside the charmed circle can tell. But when they do, the elections, under the "Reform Act of 1859," and numerous doubtful acts of mock majesty, will be concluded.

Salt Spring Island Election Farce.

EDITOR COLONIST:—In justice to the settlers of Salt Spring Island, I think it right to give the following account of the farce called an "election," lately enacted there.

Previous to my leaving Victoria, I applied to the Colonial Secretary to ascertain when the election would take place, and was told, probably not until January 20. Shortly afterwards, however, I ascertained that His Excellency had despatched the writ in hot haste, on the evening of the 6th inst. *Carrier Pigeons* being scarce in this region, a *Sparrow* was sent on the errand. I accordingly left on the following evening and found on arrival, that the settlers knew nothing about an election. They at once resolved to hunt out the Sparrow's nest, that they might obtain the desired information. After much search it was espied under the eaves of a hut, in that part of the Island known as Beggarville. A slip of paper was also discovered on the door of an unoccupied house, stating that one Jonathan Begg had ordered an election on the 13th day of January. On these facts being ascertained, the settlers waxed wroth, and a protest was forthwith made out and signed by them, with one accord. Each signature represents actual improvements and stock, worth from \$200 to \$2,000. The protest was read and handed (very much to his annoyance) to the Returning Officer at the hustings, on the day of nomination. At the poll a British Columbian Vancouver Islander, answering to the name of *George Hunter Cary*, strangely made his appearance, and rather prematurely said: "I have to congratulate you, Mr. Southgate, on your certain election." The spokesman of the settlers (Mr. Lincker) then stated that he did not think that any high-minded gentleman would like to go in at the back door of the House, and Mr. Southgate could not possibly represent the settlers, as they had been deprived of their right to vote by the chicanery of the Government. He would advise him to show a little sense of propriety by at once resigning. He added, "the Government thought the settlers were *sheep* sent out to graze, but, unfortunately, they had turned out to belong to the *weasel* tribe, who could do something in the way of ferreting out corruption." These remarks, and other developments, compelled Mr. Southgate's hasty congratulator to admit, with an oath, that the whole affair was a mass of irregularities and illegalities from beginning to end. The bunglers in town, he exclaimed, "had done it!" There ought to have been six days' notice of the election, instead of three days. Nevertheless, he tried to persuade the electors that Mr. Southgate was as good a representative as they could get, and far better than Mr. Copland. The better way, therefore, would be to let the matter drop, and take Mr. Southgate without further ado.

On the morning of the "election," I was informed that it was the intention of the settlers to drag the hut in which the official *Beggar* resides into the salt water, but my prompt interference prevented this. The Islanders are justly indignant at him for trying to keep the "election" a secret, and for offering to add the names of certain parties to the list of voters, if they would support Southgate, after the writ was issued.

I have only to add that I will not submit to any infringement of the law by the Government, any more than I would allow a justly indignant populace at Salt Spring Island to violate it; consequently, I shall use every means in my power, and spare no expense to render the election null and void. It is almost incredible that authorities with the British banner streaming over their heads, should make so flagrant an attempt to deprive a body of electors of the rights justly and lawfully accorded to them by the Franchise Bill. Few grosser outrages on a free people have been attempted since the days of Magna Charta. My forefathers shed their blood in the struggle for freedom, and I am resolved to stand or fall in defence of the same glorious cause; and should justice not be accorded to me in this Colony, I shall demand it from Her Majesty's Privy Council.

"What for Britain's Queen and Law
Freedom's sword and whilom draw,
Freeman stand or freeman fall,
Let him on w' me!"

I am informed that Mr. Attorney General Cary boasts of having insulted me at Salt Spring Island. I can only say that I never received an insulting expression from him either there or anywhere else, and that had such been the case, it would there and then have met its just retribution.

JOHN COPLAND.

The Government is exceedingly annoyed at the election of Capt. Cooper for the district of Esquimalt and Metchoin, immediately after his defeat at Esquimalt town. His exposure of abuses existing here, before a Committee of the House of Commons, rendered the ruling dynasty perfectly infuriate. But finding no means of venting openly their spleen against him, and soured still more by his election, a surgeon of the navy, who voted for him, is made the target at which the poisoned arrows of the bow-and-arrow party are aimed. It is pitiable to observe such paltry attacks. The gentleman voted independently, and left unfulfilled no promise; but as the "fur" could not be pulled over his eyes to vote for the "fur" candidate, of course he must be *tabooed*. We recommend the Government to turn its attention to saving a certain Secretary from the chain gang, for registering a false vote and voting, ere it is too late.

ERRATUM.—In our last issue "a noble ship" should be read "a once noble ship."

LAND SCHEME.—A nice little scheme is set a foot to take up 15,000 acres of land in Barclay Sound, on condition of laying out \$37,500 in improvements during this year. It is assumed that the ostensible object is to erect machinery for the manufacture of lumber. Whatever can be reasonably done to encourage what must yet become an important branch of our export trade, should be done readily. But at the same time due regard ought to be paid to the interests of the many and not the few. Good agricultural land exists there. Sufficient at least for a small colony of settlers. To grant the land to speculators, without offering them first to the actual settler, would inflict a wrong that would be felt long, both politically and socially. We call on the government therefore to resist the disposal of agricultural lands to speculators; to reserve them to the use of the farmer; to lay it down unalterably that speculators cannot make merchandise of the "inheritance of the people." If the parties in question wish to manufacture lumber or export masts, grant them stumpage privileges at a nominal rate; but never convey away the best agricultural lands in a district with a warrantee title, in quantities equivalent to a monopoly. Nanaimo is an instance of the injustice of mis-rule, or mistaken land policy. The producer there is the dependent. If the scheme proposed is not duly ventilated, we may expect a similar blight to our prosperity in a quarter, that nature has destined to play an important part in the history of this island, perhaps continent. Nanaimo in the hands of the H. B. Co.; Alberni Canal owned by an unknown company; thus the terminus of a future route from the coast to Fraser river will benefit only those who live off the toil and sweat of an independent yeomanry, a country's greatest pride.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

P. M. BACKUS,
AUCTIONEER.

will sell
This Day, at 11 o'clock, A. M.,

at his Salesroom, on Yates street,
20 bbls Flour;
1000 lbs Bacon;
5 firks prime Goshen Butter;
20 mats China sugar;
50 do Sandwich Island do
10 bbls do do do
10 boxes Candles;
100 bags Beans;
10 boxes California Pickles;
5 bbls Hams;
10 chests Tea;
30 boxes Buffalo Chip Tobacco;
50 prs blue Blankets;
50 do carpet do
20 do white do
50 Pilot Jackets.

—ALSO—
—AT PRIVATE SALE—
A few firks prime Goshen Butter;
Pilot Bread;
Butter, Sugar and Soda Crackers;
2 Washing Machines;
One largest size Graver, Baker & Co.'s Sewing Machines, in good order.

AUCTION.

J. A. McCREA
will sell
THIS MORNING,
THURSDAY, January 19, 1860,

At 11 o'clock,
At his Salesroom, on Wharf street,
4000 lbs chicken or hog feed;
—bag Hard Bread;
Bacon; Pork;
Beef; Hams;
Rice; Sugar;
Cand; Beans; Soap;
Flour;
Corn Meal; Buckwheat;
Flour; Raisins;
Oatmeal; Soda Crackers;
Peaches, &c. &c.

Terms—CASH. J. A. McCREA,
Auctioneer, Wharf st.

JNO. H. BOSWORTH,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &C.,
No. 69 Front street,
SAN FRANCISCO.

Refers to HUNTER & Co., through whom orders can be sent. j19-3m

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED up to TUESDAY, 31st January, for the erection of a Stone House near Victoria. Separate tenders will be required for the following departments:
No. 1—Mason and Brick Work;
No. 2—Carpenter and Joiner Work;
No. 3—Plasterer's Work;
No. 4—Painter's and Tinsmith's Work;
No. 5—Painter's and Glazier's Work.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.
The lowest tenders will be accepted if otherwise satisfactory.
JOHN WRIGHT,
Architect, Yates street.
Victoria, January 16th, 1860. j17-td

\$150 REWARD!
LOST, STRAYED, OR KILLED.—One black cow, marked with a white star in the forehead, branded O B on the off hind quarter, and M R in the right side, being 5 years old.
Also—A one-year-old, white in the flank and under the belly.
The above were missed from the Farm of Mr. Rowland, on the Saanich road.
Any one giving information respecting the above will apply to
M. ROWLAND,
Strawberry Vale Farm. j14
Victoria, 13th Jan. 1860.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.
LOST ON SATURDAY LAST, (DECEMBER 24) a small Newfoundland PUP-DOG, is marked black round the left eye, and also on the right side of the head, and one black mark on the back.
Apply to
J. H. JOHNSON,
Johnston street.
FOR SALE, AN EXPRESS WAGON. Apply as above. dec27-1f

CHINA RICE, NO. 1,
JUST RECEIVED and for sale by
JANION & GREEN.

NEW STORE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING TAKEN THE Store lately occupied by N. TREWEK & Co.,

—ON—

YATES STREET,

OFFERS FOR SALE

A Large Assortment

—OF—

CLOTHING,

Dry Goods,

Boots, Shoes,

Blankets,

PERFUMERY,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

Cutlery, &c.

—ALSO—

A General Assortment

—OF—

OTHER GOODS, SUITABLE

—FOR THE—

INDIAN TRADE.

All of which will be sold at the

LOWEST RATES FOR CASH.

Having been long engaged in this line of business, they have made such selections as will

SUIT THIS MARKET,

and solicit their old customers, as well as new ones, to give them a call before purchasing elsewhere.

KOSHLAND & BRO.

Victoria, Jan. 12th, 1860. j14-1m

EX LEONESA.

RUM—Jamaica, a superior article;
Port, in 1 doz cases;
Sherry, do do
Champagne, quarts and pints;
Pickles, The Fruits, Sauces, &c., &c. Thin's;
Soap, best English, 25 lbs boxes.
For sale by
DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,
corner Johnson and Wharf sts.

j5-1m

NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!
TO MINERS, FAMILIES, RESTAURANTS AND Hotel Keepers. The undersigned having just commenced business, is now prepared to supply all who may call on him, with the following luxuries—German Sausages, Bologna Sausages, Liver Puddings, Blood Puddings and Head Cheese, to be had wholesale and retail, on Johnson street, two doors from Waddington, Victoria.
dec31-1m W. BRENNICKE & CO.

ROOMS AND OFFICES

TO LET,

Over N. Moore & Co.'s

Dry Goods Store,

YATES STREET. dec13 1m

G. G. CAPRON, BLACKSMITH,

Yates street, above Government,
IS NOW PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF Smithery at the lowest rates, such as Ship, Machine, Wagon and other work. Also, to shoe mules and horses at \$3. Also Ovens, and to furnish Shoes (mule and horse) and other work to parties up the country in any quantity, at the shortest notice and at the very lowest rates. Call and try.
Victoria, V. I., Dec. 27th, 1859. dec23-

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the British Columbia Steam Navigation Company will be held at the office of Messrs. Samuel Price & Co., at 2 o'clock, P. M., on MONDAY next, the 16th inst. A punctual attendance is particularly requested.
By order of the President.
JAS. N. THAIN, Sec'y.
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SALT SALMON, OF BEST QUALITY;
Trout in half barrels;
Vancouver Island Sardines;
Dried Fish. For sale by
W. B. NAYLOR,
Wharf street.
dec30

REMOVAL.

T. PHELAN
HAS REMOVED TO THE STORE NEXT TO Dr. Zeiler's Drug Store, lately occupied by K. Gambitz, Government street. j5-1m

PISTOL GALLERY,

JOHNSON STREET, NEAR GOVERNMENT.
Six Shots for 25 Cents.
dec24-1m

PHENIX.

T. H. MCCANN, CORNER OF YATES & WAD-dington streets, keeps constantly on hand the choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars. A fresh supply of Sooke Oysters always on hand. d31-1m

REMOVAL.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS REMOVED TO HIS new Brick Store, corner of Yates and Government streets.
K. GAMBITZ.
j6

TO LOT OWNERS IN VICTORIA.
THE OWNER OF LOT NO. 1121, on BELCHER street (beyond the Church of England) may possibly hear of something to his advantage by application at this office.
dec31-1m

SUGARS.

A FINE LOT of Sandwich Island Sugars, assorted grades, received per "Tando," this day, and for sale by
JANION & GREEN.

COOK WANTED.

A PPLY TO MR. LOWENBERG, LAND AGENT, Government street. j12-1m

\$4,000 TO LEND IN SUMS TO SUIT. Apply to "T. S." Colonial Hotel, Government street. j17-6"

Social Equality.

That "all men are born free and equal," is a truth now recognized by all the civilized nations of the earth; but the enforcement of natural equality by law is something that no nation has yet accomplished. Acting upon the plain fact that by nature "one man is as good as another," free and liberal governments have, so far as in their power endeavored to secure to all men the enjoyment of equal rights; but the world is no nearer a recognition of social equality than it was centuries ago. The natural rights of man are of a tangible character, and may become subject to the restriction and control of law: civil rights are natural rights restrained by governmental regulations; but social rights or equality pertaining mostly to the domain of mind, are beyond the reach of civil law, and are regulated chiefly by the opinions of men. That one person, naturally, is as good as another, cannot be gainsayed, and by virtue of that equality, every man may insist on his natural rights; but that one man socially is as good as another, depends upon what society thinks about it; for social standing being naturally beyond the reach of law, has no other regulator than public opinion. He who thinks himself entitled to a certain social position as a right, has only to make all the world think as he does on that subject, and he will find himself in the full enjoyment of the coveted right. A man has a right to think what he pleases of himself. Free thought is a natural right, which may be exercised to any extent which does not interfere with the rights of others; but to bind one's conscience or compel another by action or word, to acknowledge you as his equal or superior, is clearly interfering in a right of free thought in that other person. Thus it may be seen how impossible it is to bring social equality within the reach of civil government or laws.

Although social equality, considered as a conventional right, enforceable by law, is a fallacy, men of all grades and shades, persist in so viewing it, and make themselves miserable all their lives in pursuit of it. It is almost always confounded with civil rights and privileges, and insisted on as something to which men are entitled by law. Those who pretend to know the difference rarely act in accordance therewith, and still pursue the *ignis fatuus*, in dereliction of their better judgments. The cotemporary of the Colonist, whose editor moves in a "circle" to which some less assuming but perhaps equally meritorious persons are modestly refused admission before it has been sought, pursues the theory for ulterior ends, while his practice and personal sentiments are diametrically opposite as are the complexions of the parties among whom no so much contention for "social privileges" exists. Though every day furnishes its examples of that pride in man which bids him say to his fellow "stand aside, I am better than thou," still social equality is followed as a thing attainable by civil enactments. It nowhere exists among nations of the same race and language, and yet it is considered practicable among nations of different blood and color. It is time these impracticable follies were abandoned, and those who teach them exposed. He who for self aggrandizement, induces the ignorant to expect impossible privileges as a reward for their favors, is a falsifier and hypocrite; and those who put faith in such specious promises as the commonest observation declare false and full of deceit, are unfit for self-government, and whether white or black, the right of suffrage in their hands is dangerous to themselves and everybody else. The colored people and the social-equality candidates in the late election, occupied this unenviable situation. Deception, and unfair means equivalent to bribery, have been charged upon them, and in their lame attempts to wriggle out of the dilemma, a discerning public discovers ample confirmation of the charge.

For the double purpose of showing more fully the absurd position occupied by the blacks, and elucidating for their instruction, a few more plain truths, which, though they claim to understand, they do not follow, I will continue the subject a little further. It is pretended that they do not expect social equality, but only ask for their rights as men and Englishmen. These they have by law, and as they could neither be denied or withheld by any one, they furnish no reason for supporting a particular set of candidates. "English principles" affecting negroes are the same as English principles affecting white men; they are the constitutional rights of each, and having these rights secured and determined by law, beyond the power of any candidate to change, how could one candidate sustain "English principles" affecting negroes better than another? Besides, as stated, "English principles" affecting negroes being neither questioned nor jeopardized, to preserve them could not have been the motive which arrayed them *en masse* against the reform party and the English white people. Herein again they confound civil rights, which they desire, and convict themselves of being bribed by the latter. Again, they demand only their civil rights, but in the same breath ask for a "universal brotherhood," as if this brotherhood was no more than a right to which they were entitled by law, or as if it could exist upon any other basis than the most complete racial equality involving general amalgamation of the races. Once more the morbid longing after the great impracticability exhibits itself here, and the blacks are driven to acknowledge it as the moving spring of all their actions.

The colored people and ultra abolitionists of the Northern States, and the slavists of

the South support their respective doctrines by the same arguments. The slavists maintain that blacks and whites must exist together, either as equals in every respect, or in the relation of master and slave. The abolitionists hold to the same principle:—the South chooses the relation of master and slave, and the abolitionist the other extreme—social equality and amalgamation. Opposed to both these extremes, is the only practical anti-slavery doctrine, now embodied in the great Republican party of the United States. To them it seems plain, that widely differing races of people, may dwell in the full enjoyment of all the God-given rights of humanity. To them it appears plain enough that natural and civil rights can be recognized and enjoyed, without the relation of master and slave, or an inconceivable, "universal brotherhood." These great principles, now embodied in the Republican party of the States, have always been opposed, strange as it may appear, by slavists, abolitionists, and free colored people, thus elucidating my other undenied and undeniable statement, that the colored race everywhere are prone to stand in their own light.

In the United States they oppose the Republicans, unite with the abolitionists to form such impracticable schemes as the Harper's Ferry insurrection, thus discouraging the true friends of freedom and exciting the prejudices of the whites, against their cause and themselves. Here their policy is the same; they run after amalgamationists, vote for them, swallow all their promises, ignore the true interests of the country as "secondary considerations," exasperate the English people, and injure themselves and everybody else.

But though convicted of bribery by their own admissions, I will state that I believe it was not a money consideration for which the colored people sold themselves. I exonerate them from mercenary motives for the reason that I think no money was, in their case, offered. I don't believe our bankrupt Government had much cash to spare for electioneering purposes, or that a soulless thing like the H. B. Company would pay a valuable consideration for their votes, when they knew that a draft on the "social myth" would prove a more acceptable bribe to the colored population than the finest gold ever coined.

Quarter Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18.

On the bench were Justices Langford, Pemberton and Nagle.

No Extortion.—In the case of Bastion vs. J. D. Carroll, in which the defendant was charged with extortion, for demanding payment of the plaintiff (a colored man) 50 cents for a glass of ale, (although he was told the price before he drank it) was declared by the Court to be no extortion. It was held that Mr. Carroll was a spirit dealer, but not an inn-keeper, and the law only made it compulsory in the latter to furnish refreshments.

The Grand Jury found true bills in the following cases:

Regina vs. Captain John, Wasquance and Collette, Indians. The defendants stand charged with making a riot, in which the cabin of a Mr. Jones, at the North end of town, was torn down, in October last.

Regina vs. Baker. Defendant was charged with stealing gold dust on board the schooner Henrietta, on the voyage from New Westminster to this port, during the month of November. It is said he will plead guilty.

Regina vs. Martin. A case of stabbing sailors at the Royal Hotel, on the 4th of January.

Regina vs. Trouette. Assault with a knife with intent to kill, at the house of Mr. Benoit.

Regina vs. Boyce. Charged with using false weights to weigh gold dust on board the steamer Eliza Anderson.

Regina vs. Sandries. The charge is for shooting at an Old Settler, August 29, with intent to kill.

The above cases will be tried to-day.

Regina vs. Tuzo and Kavanagh, charged with unlawfully cutting down trees in the streets. Laid over till next Quarter Sessions.

Regina vs. Kinsada, an Indian, for shooting at Edward Kittson with intent to kill. Bill ignored.

Regina vs. C. Rochier, S. Roberts and J. Jones.—The defendants were charged with conspiracy to supply liquor to Indians. Bill ignored.

LICENSES.—A license was granted to Samuel Militich, at the corner of Government and Yates streets. The petitioner had been refused several times; but on showing the Bench that he had put up twelve beds, and had room for twenty more, the license was granted, with the notice that no more would be issued except to hotels.

LICENSE PROMISED.—Mr. Leigh applied for a license for a family hotel, near the bastion, Government street. It was promised, on condition the applicant erected the hotel as he proposed.

FOR FRASER.—The steamer Otter left on Tuesday for New Westminster with 20 tons of freight and 12 passengers. The Eliza Anderson arrived the same day from Olympia, and left in the afternoon for Fraser river with 15 or 20 passengers and about 6 tons of freight.

LAKE ELECTION.—The returns show that Major Foster received 32 votes, and Capt. Duncan 7 votes. The former was declared duly elected.

NOTICE. SELLING OFF. THE SUBSCRIBERS, BEING ABOUT TO MAKE an alteration in their business, will sell at once all the lot of Furniture, Bedding, &c. &c. We would respectfully beg those who are indebted to the firm to settle their accounts at once; and those to whom the firm are indebted will please send in their vouchers for settlement.

IMPORTS.
Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Port Townsend
—40 head cattle.
MARINE INTELLIGENCE.
PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.
ARRIVED.
Jan 17—Str Eliza Anderson, Wright, Port Townsend.
Schr Lalla Rookh, Rodgers, Port Townsend.
Jan 18—Schr Royal Charlie, Jenkins, Nanaimo.
CLEARED.
Jan 17—Str Eliza Anderson, Wright, New Westminster.
Schr Fort Hope, Galstin, New Westminster.
Jan 18—Schr Royal Charlie, Jenkins, Nanaimo

M. MAYER & CO.,

Scott's Wharf,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.
REG TO INFORM TRADERS AND MINERS on hand and the public in general, that they now have
A Large Stock

— OF —
Assorted Merchandise,
SUITABLE FOR

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

They will hereafter receive most of their
GOODS DIRECT
from

San Francisco,

and be enabled to
SELL AT
VICTORIA PRICES.

RECEIVED EX BRIG PERSEVERE,
LATE
From San Francisco, Direct,

200 bbls Golden Age Flour;
100 do Golden Gate do
55 do Eureka Mills do
50 do Eclipse do
25 do Self-Rising do
200 sacks Barley;
350 sacks Beans;
250 mats China No 1 Rice;
200 mats China No 1 Sugar.

—ALSO—
--FOR SALE--

Pork,
Bacon, Hams,
Lard, Candles,
Soap, Butter,
Cheese, Coffee,
Teas,
N. O. and S. I. Sugars,
Powdered and Crushed Sugars,
Boston Syrups, Assorted Syrups,
Hunt's and Collins' Axes,
Wrought and Cut Nails,
Powder, Shot and Percussion Caps,
Pitch and Tar,
All sizes of Rope and Boat's Oars,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
CLOTHING,

Hats, Caps,
Boots, Shoes,
Tobacco, Cigars,
Stationery, Perfumery,
Duck, Drilling,

Dry, Fancy, & Millinery
GOODS,

A LARGE VARIETY OF
Ribbons, Bonnet and Dress
TRIMMINGS,

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
POCKET CUTLERY, &c. &c. j12-1m

W. H. OLIVER,
IMPORTER OF LIQUORS, JOHNSON ST.,
opposite Wharf street, has for sale ex recent arrivals:

2 puncheons choice Jamaica rum;
1 do Harvey's Scotch malt whisky;
1 do Islay Scotch do do very fine;
5 bbls choice old Bourbon whisky;
5 casks choice Sazanne, Martell and Marett brandies, pale and dark;
1/2 casks fine port and sherry wines;
20 c. bbls pippin apple cider;
50 cases Wolfe's shampings;
250 cases Old Tom gin, Booth's & Burnett's;
2 puncheons Swaine Board & Co. Old Tom gin;
2 pipes extra Holland gin;
20 baskets Cielie Larrie Imperial Champagne;
20 do Cielie champagne;
50 cases Hostetler's Bitters;
50 do Scotch whisky;
100 cases V. H. & Co. gin. j3-2w

NOTICE.
THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between A. H. GUILD and G. W. WEBB is dissolved this day by mutual consent. G. W. Webb retiring from the firm. All demands against the house of Guild, Webb & Co. will be settled by A. H. Guild, who is alone authorized to receipt for the same, and collect all dues of said firm.

ALBERT H. GUILD,
GEORGE W. WEBB,
per C. C. Webb. j3-2w
Victoria, V. I. Jan. 1, 1860.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY ENTERED into copartnership under the name and firm of GUILD, DAVID & CO., for the transaction of a General Commission and Merchandise Brokerage business.
ALBERT H. GUILD,
JULES DAVID. j3-2w
Victoria, January 1, 1860.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.
THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between HAAS & ROSENFELD and N. & S. KOSHLAND, under the firm of Haas & Rosenfeld, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Haas & Rosenfeld having purchased the interest of N. & S. Koshland in the above concern, are hereby authorized to collect all debts due to that firm, and will continue the business as heretofore, under the firm of Haas & Rosenfeld, at their fire-proof Brick Store, Wharf street, adjoining the Royal Hotel.
HAAS & ROSENFELD. dec17-1f
Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1859.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
Magnificent Stock of Gold and Silver
WATCHES & JEWELRY,
JUST RECEIVED BY
E. H. VAENBERG,
YATES STREET.
Gold Patent Levers:
Gold Levers, with the latest style
PLATINA MOVEMENTS!
Ladies' Gold Watches, with
DIAMOND & ENAMELED SETTINGS!
Gold and Silver Thimbles, Breast Pins,
Ear and Finger Rings,
A great variety of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold
Chains, Buckles, &c. &c.
Thankful to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed upon him during his comparatively long residence here, the being the O. L. D. ESTABLISHED JEWELER in the Colony, the undersigned would respectfully solicit a continuance of the favors which his magnificent stock and unprecedented low prices will justify on the part of his old customers and others in search of good jewelry.
dec22-1m E. H. VAENBERG.

HOLIDAY GIFTS!!!
Splendid Stock of Gold and Silver
WATCHES & JEWELRY,
JUST RECEIVED BY
E. MARKS,
(YATES STREET, OPPOSITE HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S.)
The finest assortment of
Ladies' & Gentlemen's Watches,
CHAINS, CHARMS, SETTS,
Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings,
Bracelets, Gold and Silver Pencils, Lockets,
Thimbles, &c. &c.
N. B.—Particular attention paid to REPAIRING
WATCHES and JEWELRY.
All work warranted. dec29-

LESTER & GIBBS
HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX "W. B. SCRANTON," and recent arrivals:
50 boxes Candles;
100 lbs Self-Rising & Golden Gate Flour;
3000 lbs Bacon (choice);
25 firkins Hope Butter;
20 sacks Java Coffee;
25 sacks Rio Coffee;
10 chests superior Black Tea;
20 bbls Crushed Sugar;
Lobsters; Oysters;
Worcester Sauce; J & H Lard;
Pickles; Syrup, &c. &c.
In store and for sale at low rates by
LESTER & GIBBS,
Yates street, near Waddington.
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